

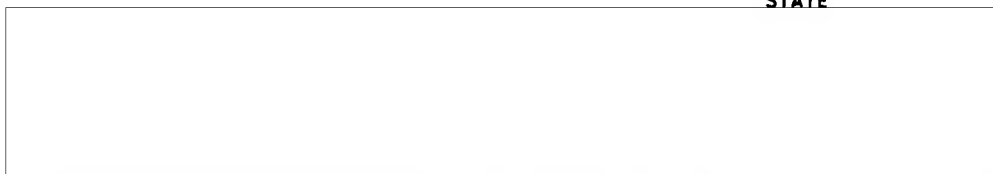
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SUBJECT: RAZA KAZIM CASE: SENATOR KENNEDY INTERESTED

REF: ISLAMABAD 6484

A PRESS ITEM WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION RECENTLY
CONCERNING THE CASE OF RAZA KAZIM IS A MARCH 21 REPORT
IN "INDIAN EXPRESS" FROM NEW DELHI. REPORT PROVIDES
DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT
ZIA-UL-HAQ. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, "WELL-KNOWN
BARRISTER KAZIM RAZA" WAS THE MAIN COORDINATOR ON THE
CIVILIAN SIDE. THE REPORT ALSO REPEATS AN ALLEGATION
WE HAD HEARD PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL) THAT KAZIM HAS TURNED
STATES EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. WE CANNOT CONFIRM THE
ACCURACY OF THESE ASSERTIONS.
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